

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 NEA-10 ISO-00 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 L-03 OMB-01 MC-02 ACDA-05 /060 W

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R 090740Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5821

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

2ADG LANDLEY AFB VA/DOOK

CSAF WASHDC

TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

OASD WASHDC/ISA

58TFTW LUKE AFB AZ/DO

425 TFTS WILLIAMS AFB AZ/DO

DET 6 2ADG WIESBADEN AB GE

AMEMBASY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9602

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS MOPS MASS PFOR ET US

SUBJ: DELIVERY OF F-5A'S FROM IRAN

REF: A. ADDIS 8981

B. LANGLEY AFB 300245Z JUL 75

1. CONGEN ASMARA HAS POINTED OUT TO EMBASSY HIGH DEGREE OF UNDESIRABILITY OF F-5'S LANDING/REFUELING AT ASMARA, ALONG LINES OF REF A. THE PRESENT COMPLICATED SITUATION INVOLVING CISCO TWO ABDUCTEES ADDS ADDITIONAL FORCE TO THESE CONCERNS, BEYOND THOSE RAISED REF A.

2. EMBASSY HAD AGREED, AND STILL AGREES, THAT ASMARA MUST BE LISTED AS "EMERGENCY ONLY" ALTERNATE BECAUSE PILOTS SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF THAT OPTION. HOWEVER, ADDRESSES, AND PILOTS, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUBSTANTIAL RISKS WILL ACCRUE TO IMPORTANT USG INTERESTS IF ASMARA MUST BE USED FOR REFUELING. WE ARE  
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TAKING STEPS IN ETHIOPIA TO SEE THAT WEATHER INFO IS SPEEDILY

AND ACCURATELY MADE AVAILABLE TO PILOTS SO THAT AIRFIELDS OTHER THAN ASMARA (INTL AIRPORT AT ADDIS, AND DIRE DAWA AIRPORT), CAN HOPEFULLY BE SELECTED IN TIME FOR SAFE DIVERSION OF FLIGHT IF NECESSARY. FIRST FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN ETHIOPIA AUG 16.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT ALL CONCERNED WITH THESE FLIGHTS BE INFORMED OF THE HIGH RISK TO US INTERESTS INVOLVED IN LANDING/ REFUELLING AT ASMARA, AND CONSEQUENTLY THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE, WITHOUT OF COURSE DEGRADING SAFETY FACTORS, TO AVOID USE OF ASMARA IF POSSIBLE.

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